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SUBJECT; 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC: GENERAL DEBATE

1. JULY 10 MORNING PLENARY HEARD GENERAL DEBATE SPEECHES
BY BANGLADESH, MEXICO, JAPAN, FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
ORGANIZATION, AND WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS.

2. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR ABE COMMITTED HIS COUNTRY TO
DOUBLING ITS OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IN NEXT
THREE YEARS AND TO PURSUING A GENERAL UNTYING OF ITS
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. JAPAN WOULD ADOPT A NEW POSITIVE
APPROACH TOWARD MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND HOPES
THAT IT WILL REACH A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. HOWEVER,
RECOGNITION SHOULD BE MADE OF DIFFERENT DEVELOPMENT STATES
OF COUNTRIES WITHIN DEVELOPING WORLD AND DEVELOPING
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COUNTRIES SHOULD BE CATEGORIZED INTO SUB-GROUPS IF
EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IS TO BE REALIZED.
COUNTRIES ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY ECONOMICALLY INTER-
DEPENDENT, AND THIS WILL REQUIRE CO-ORDINATED MANAGEMENT,
PARTICULARLY IN THE AREAS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND
ENERGY. DEVELOPED CONSUMER COUNTRIES SHOULD INCREASE
INVESTMENTS FOR MORE EFFICIENT USE OF ENERGY AND DEVELOP-

MENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES. THIS SHOULD BE COMPLEMENTED BY PROMOTION OF DEVELOPMENT OF CONVENTIONAL SOURCES OF ENERGY BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE CRITICIZED THE SECRETARIAT FOR NOT CONSULTING MEMBERS STATES ON IMPLEMENTATION OF RESTRUCTURING WITH THE SECRETARIAT.

3. HE ALSO SPOKE AT LENGTH ON THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MAKING PROCEDURAL SUGGESTIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S SPEECH. HE SAID THAT DEBATES BY HIGH-LEVEL POLICY MAKERS SHOULD IDENTIFY AREAS OF CONVERGENCE AND DIVERGENCE BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BUT ALSO BETWEEN COUNTRIES OF EACH GROUP. EACH COUNTRY WOULD THEN PROCEED TO MAKE ITS BEST EFFORTS TO FORMULATE POLICY MEASURES OR OPTIONS IN AREAS OF CONVERGENCE. THIS APPROACH WOULD REQUIRE PARTICIPATION OF HIGH-LEVEL POLICY MAKERS FROM CAPITALS AND DISCUSSION OF THE SAME SUBJECTS TWICE OR MORE.

4. MEXICAN AMBASSADOR BARCELO CALLED FOR FASTER IMPLEMENTATION OF NIEO AND PARTICULARLY FOR REFORM OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM AND FOR IMPROVED TERMS OF TRADE FOR COMMODITIES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. CODE OF CONDUCT TO CONTROL AND GUIDE TNCs WAS MAKING STEADY PROGRESS.

5. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION
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SAOMA SAID THAT LOW LEVELS OF DEVELOPMENT AID HAVE A BROUGHT A DETERMINATION TO DO BETTER AND THIS WAS MANIFESTED IN RESTRUCTURING AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE EXERCISE. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MUST INCREASE AND WILL RESULT IN RELEASING MORE FOREIGN EXCHANGE FOR IMPORT OF ESSENTIAL CAPITAL GOODS AND TECHNOLOGY. FOR MANY IT IS THE SOLE POSSIBILITY OF EMPLOYMENT AND DEVELOPMENT. PROSPERITY IN AGRICULTURE WILL BRING INDUSTRIAL PROSPERITY. HE SUMMARIZED WITH A PLEA TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO CONCENTRATE FURTHER ON A MASSIVE STRENGTHENING OF THEIR AGRICULTURAL SECTOR AND TO DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO SUPPLY NON-CONVENTIONAL FORMS OF AID TO ASSIST GOVERNMENTS WITH FOOD DEFICITS TO INSTALL NEW POLICIES AND DEVELOP NEW PROGRAMS.
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